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Irrigation Projects of Madhya Pradesh

1183. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for irrigation projects submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government during the last and a half years;

(b) the number of proposals out of them approved so far; and

(c) the number of such proposals still pending alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Only one proposal namely modified report for the Sindh River Project Phase-II at an estimated cost of Rs. 607.67 crores to irrigate annually an area of 120,000 hectares has been received at the Centre in December, 1990.

(b) and (c). While the water availability and sedimentation studies of the project have been finalised, the State Government is required to sort out the issues regarding design, floods, irrigation planning, ground water, cost estimates, rehabilitation and resettlement. The State Government is also to obtain forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Rural Areas of Maharashtra

1184. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATH RAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot petrol/diesel retail outlets in rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such outlets are likely to be allotted?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND).

(a) to (c). New petrol/diesel dealerships are opened in different places as per Marketing Plans, availability of products, etc.

Indian Embassies Abroad

1185. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where Indian Embassies/Missions do not exist; and

(b) the countries where Indian Embassies are likely to be opened alongwith the probable dates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Out of the member countries of the UN, India does not have diplomatic representation either through a resident Mission or through concurrent accreditation in the following :

1. Dominican Republic
2. Fiji - closed in 1989
3. Haiti
4. Honduras
5. Israel
6. Liechtenstein
7. Papua New Guinea*
8. Soloman Islands*
9. South Africa
10. Vanuatu*
11. Lithuania